

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SANDS ROAD ON
19TH JULY 2017.**

Present: Councillors Christopher Burdett (Chairman), Elizabeth Collins, Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, Richard Jordan, Robin Lunn, Jane Neal and Mrs, Audrey Steel.

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell (Clerk) Robert Wilcox RFO.

APOLIGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cncllr. Rodger Fooks.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members had carried out the Annual Inspection of the Allotments.

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. A suggestion was made that Forest Bikes be purchased for road safety training cyclists via 106 money. Litter was prolific on the Radford road. Clerk would make contact with DLF. Hedges were obstructing the pavement on the main road opposite Chestnut Lane. Clerk would arrange for the Lengthsman to deal with this.

2194. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cncllr Burdett declared a none prejudicial interest in item 9 on the Agenda and signed the Declarations of interest record book.

2195. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the PC meeting held on 21st June were agreed to be a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

2196. PROGRESS REPORTS

Highways. Following a report re safety on the bend at Edgioak, Cncllr Hopkins reported that he had spoken to the Liaison Officer at CC and a review of the signage and a more substantial road surface grip was being considered. It was noted that a third volunteer to assist with keeping the public footpaths clear had come forward. It was agreed that the second small triangle of grass at the junction with Stockwood Lane and Windmill Drive should be included in the grass cutting schedule. It was noted that speed loops would be placed on the main road after the summer holidays.

Cncllr Hopkins advised he had walked all the pavements in Inkberrow with the CC Liaison Officer and reported that lack of finance meant that repairs needed to be prioritised. There were no works on the CC list for Inkberrow in the current financial year. It was agreed the PC needed to keep the pressure up on the CC. The pavement from the village through to Bouts Lane had been almost obliterated by grass growing over it. Clerk would ask the Lengthsman to include the clearance of this path in future schedules.

Bus Shelter Notice Board. It was agreed that repairs should go ahead and that the notice board be returned to the bus shelter for future use. Clerk would furnish Cncllr Griffin with the official footpath guide leaflets. **Lengthsman.** In addition to the above the Lengthsman would be requested to remove any Ragwort around the village. Thanks had been received for the excellent work he had carried out in Tuer Way.

2197. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** Councillors Mrs. Steel and Elizabeth Collins volunteered to help with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Inkberrow.

2198. **SPEED WATCH.** At a recent speed watch 33 vehicles had been checked with 9 exceeding the limit with one recording 41mph. Following the chevron sign being involved in a recent accident, it was agreed it was important it should be replaced – 386 accidents had been reported in the current year.

The cost of replacing the sign was being considered with the insurance companies. It was noted that permission was being requested from West Mercia Police for speed checks to take place in Withybed Lane, Stonepits Lane and Pepper Street.

2199. **TENNIS CLUB LEASE.** This remained on-going and it was agreed should be taken off the PC Agendas as it would be included as part of the 106 Agreement proposals.

2200. **106 AGREEMENT MONIES.** It was agreed that the individual clubs' interest in applications for 106 money should be made collectively through the ICC. In respect of the application by the Bowls Club for NHB money to replace the boiler in the Pavilion, it was learned that the NHB money and the 106 money would now be amalgamated. Once all applications had been received the next state would be to arrange a public meeting. It was noted that the provision of a footpath from the Village Hall to the main road was being considered by the CC. Cncllr.Hopkins was in consultation with the CC in this regard.

2201. **INKBERROW YEAR OF CULTURE.** It was noted that events so far had been very successful, with requests for some of them to be repeated annually. It was noted that the alarm system at the village hall could be altered for the October event without charge.

2202. **POLICE REPORT.** There was no Police report. It was reported that Mr. Alan Scrafton had retired after long service as Chairman of the Village Watch. Clerk would send a letter of thanks. It was noted that a trailer had been stolen from a driveway and that wind chimes had been stolen from a garden.

2203. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Hopkins referred to the proposed footpath in Sands Road. The gas service station caused a problem with the path width and there was a possibility that the footpath on the other side of the road be extended instead. It was felt that the CC could finance the project but the 106 cycling money may be a possibility of providing finance. Cncllr Hopkins confirmed that all required roadworks had been reported.

2204. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey ensured that all Planning application results had been notified to Members.

2205. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** RFO presented the monthly balance sheet and it was AGREED the following outstanding accounts be paid: Smartcut £522, Lengthsman £207, Clerk \$416.10, RFO £136, Dogwood Productions £644.50, Tapcast £119.40, Chown Agricultural Services £180, Waterplus £147.30. It was noted that the cost of water was in excess of budget and that a commitment may need to be made out of reserves for improvements. Whats On now cost £400 extra. Payment of the VAT element via NHB money for the Village Hall kitchen was currently being sorted.

2206. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** 17/01087 Verdun, Worcestre Rd. The Parish Council recommend the application be approved provided provision is made for large vehicle to gain access in forward gear to and from the site and that no parking of construction/delivery vehicles are allowed to park on the road at any time. This is on a bend on a busy road and past development in this area has caused a safety issue and a great deal of damage to a large grassed area opposite the site. 17/01237 Lindau, Bredon Close. The Parish council recommend the application be approved. 17/01207 n14 Tuer Way. The Parish Council recommend the application be refused as it is considered over development of the site. 17/00866 Rush House, Stockwood. The Parish Council recommend the application be approved in

principle, but ask that serious consideration be given to provide access for large vehicles including emergency services.

2207. **PLAY AREA.** Ideas were awaited from Creative Play, including ground work. Clerk was seeking a quotation for strimming the cycle bumps, weeding and raking the bark on a monthly basis and reporting any damage to the equipment throughout the mowing season.

2208. **FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** Mr. Colin Willis asked for details of the October function in order that the alarm could be changed. It was confirmed that the Ross Crescent sign/leading to signs were awaited. A suggestion of a public litter pick was raised.

2209. **COUNCILLORS'/CLERK'S REPORTS.** A donation of £500 has been offered for placing a seat in the village, possibly on the Knighton side of Appletree Lane. Volunteers offered help in providing plants and caring for the troughs at each end of the village. Both items would be included on the next agenda.

Signed.....Chairman

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